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Chief, PPC-WPD

Director of Training

War Planning - KUBARK Orientation Course for Military Personnel

REFERENCE: Air Message from Senior War Planner, Pacific, to Chief, FE, Attn: Chief, PPC-WPD

1. In consideration of the reference memorandum, this Office strongly recommends that copies of the lectures not be forwarded for the following reasons:

- a. This course was established at the request of the Chief, Joint Subsidiary Plans Division, Joint Chiefs of Staff. He will authorize for enrollment only those military personnel whose current or projected duty assignments warrant them to receive such instruction.
- b. The Chief, JSPD/JCS, has requested the theatre commanders to nominate candidates based on this criterion to receive the instruction. If these candidates are sufficient in number to warrant presentation of the course in the field, such a request would require the concurrence and approval of the Chief, JSPD/JCS.
- c. Transmittal of the lecture material to the field would necessarily result in loss of control by the Chief, JSPD/JCS, in this respect.
- d. The course does not provide for the release of any written materials to the students.

2. It is therefore recommended that the Chief, WPD, refer this question to the Chief, JSPD/JCS, prior to replying to the Senior War Planner, Pacific.

3. It should be noted that transmittal of copies of the lectures to the field would not accomplish the training objective of the orientation course since great value is derived from the discussion periods and question periods which follow the presentation of the lectures.

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